**With the current state of our nation, what can I do?**

(Far more than you realize!)

An encouragement from Director Kent Ostrander

It is important to begin with the fact that God has given us a sphere of influence. It is not the whole world. It is not the entire United States of America. It is not even all of the state of Kentucky. But you do have a sphere that you influence. Now imagine that each citizen we faithfully love or hate—the state, the nation and the world would be covered. You and I cannot make everyone else do it for you but you and I can do it. It starts with you and me. And The Family Foundation is going to do its part in Kentucky so that this state offers the leadership that the nation and the world needs.

Here are some ideas that ECF can easily do:

- Send me an email...
  - Sound stall, doesn’t it? “What can I do here?” you ask. Probably much more than you know. Consider this:
    - If you have your email address, we can send you updates on what is happening in Kentucky regarding our government and the issues that affect your family.
    - We can send you our daily (Monday thru Friday) “Let Us Pray” prayer message that takes one minute to read and pray and that connects you with the state’s largest daily prayer group. (If God doesn’t answer prayer, it’s stupid pray. But, if God does answer prayer, it’s stupid not to pray.)
    - You will be able to forward our candidate information for this November’s election to all your friends when we send it to you in early October.
    - And in January, when the 2015 General Assembly begins, you will receive weekly updates on what is happening in the Session. We will share with you how your phone calls to simply leave a message on the message line can easily do:
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      - We all know it’s fun to jump around when the Kentucky Wildcats are on a roll, and we can feel like we’ve helped when the team wins. But think about . . .
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      - If we try to be a Champions, we will not fail.
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    - Just ask me for our free Voter Registration Kit and register friends at your church . . . there are exciting opportunities and challenges for you and the state going on right now.

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Pray with faith.

II Chronicles 7:14

**Voter registration trend reshaping Kentucky**

Over the years Kentucky has gradually become a true Two-Party state, yet it is regarded as a “Red State” in federal election returns.

In the other fiercely divided states, Kentuckians have split their votes (i.e., Senator Frank L. Borah) in the past. But it is a different story on state-level offices, where Democrats have continued to hold dominance. And yet, even there some trends are emerging. The Family Foundation, two nonprofit educational organizations that work in the public policy arena on behalf of the family.

The Kentucky Secretary of State revealed on May 1 the most recent totals of voter registrations since November 2012. The numbers show the Democratic Party still has the majority of registered voters, but the Republican Party and those self-identifying themselves as “Other” are closing the gap. The record shows that prior to the Spring Primary, Kentucky had 1,607,182 new Republican registrants, 58,737 new voters registered as “Other,” and only 6,431 new Democrat registrants. Still, the Democrat Party controls that largest number of potential voters with 1,672,664, the Republican Party has 1,196,183 and those listed as “Other” have 236,499. But the trend on new voters continues to lean toward the Republicans as it has for over 15 years.

Federal-Level Offices

In federal elections, Kentucky is regarded as a “Red State,” voting against President Barack Obama in 2008 with a 57.4 percent to 41.2 percent margin—more than a 16 point spread. In 2012 and 2014, the numbers were 44,852, 40,677, and 13,545, for a 16.3 percent margin.

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Opinion: There are those in America that do not like you or your opinions, and they do not want you to vote. Are you following them?

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Increasingly, while conservatives must continue to resist the bad trend of soliciting legislators of their cause and follow the democratic processes they have always been told were necessary for changing laws, liberals enjoy the luxury of having their agenda instituted by court decree.

There is no doubt that the president is not popular in Kentucky. That is a fact. That’s why we have to focus on issues instead of personalities, and that’s what we do.

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Here are some political Party generalities:

Reminder: candidates may differ in their views, but the small Party will be usually pushed in Frankfort or Washington.

The Democrat Party is more . . .

• Pro-Choice regarding abortion.
• Pro-Union regarding labor issues.
• Pro-Gay rights regarding homosexuality.
• . . . For new definitions of marriage.
• . . . For larger, more helpful government
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• . . . Pro-Union regarding labor issues.
• . . . Pro-Choice regarding abortion.

The Republican Party is more . . .

• . . . Right-To-Work regarding labor issues.
• . . . Pro-Traditional values regarding homosexuality.
• . . . For small, less intrusive government combined with lower taxation rates.
• . . . For strong military investment coupled with less investment in welfare programs.

ALL Parties (and candidates) are NOT the same

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We begin with our fourth year of litigating the “Instant Racing” expansion of gambling in Kentucky. This judicial effort was championed by Gov. Beshear. But instead of pursuing the Governor, the Attorney General (or another seeks to stop the Governor), the Attorney General then pursued the Governor to stop the Governor.

The case currently is in the discovery phase, which was specifically requested by the Kentucky Supreme Court after years of non-cooperation by the “Instant Racing” advocates.

The case is complex but the law is simple. There are more than a simple dot machine.

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Dennis D’Souza, a former city councilman from Danville, has been run by the Democrat Party.

A political commentator who has long been in the political arena, Danville lawyer Dennis D’Souza said, “too many members of the city council to consider a gay rights ordinance. The ordinance would eventually pass, but at what financial cost to your candidates?

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In an op-ed in the local newspaper, Martin Cothran, policy analyst for The Family Foundation and a Danville resident, finshed the point out that “law that invalidates the First Amendment right to freedom of religious exercise is not fair and that effectively brands all the community as ‘bigots’ because of their sincerely-held religious beliefs is not ‘inclusive.’”

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Everyone must examine the candidates’ voting records to choose one that they believe would best represent their values in Frankfort or, as the case may be, in Washington. Three questions are the basis for that examination: Do they have Party affiliation of the candidate must be scrutinized. That Party affiliation will determine the “Power of the Gavel” and that determination is critical.

Here is a list of some of the powers that the Majority Party of a Chamber has in the State Capitol and in Congress. Because they are significant, it is best if the candidate you choose to vote for in the Party that has a supportive platform of your values and principles.

• The floor and calendar of legislation – The Speaker of the House (the Majority Party leader) has complete control regarding what and if any bill will be heard.
• All committee and subcommittee membership – The Majority Party Leadership chooses who will sit on each committee, thus controlling of what will pass.
• All committee and subcommittee chairmen – The Majority Party Leadership chooses who will lead each committee, thus controlling of what will be heard.
• Which bills even get a hearing – The majority Party Leadership chooses WHO will lead each committee, thus controlling of what will be heard.
• Which bills even get a hearing – The committee chairman serves as the pleasure of their majority Party Leadership – so they will shut down legislative workshops.
• Number and type of amendments allowed – Again, the chairman will do what Leadership wants, and they always have the votes that allow them to do so.
• Which issues to address via hearings – So many changes – the chairman can do what Leadership wants, and they always have the votes that allows them to do so.
• Oversight of the Executive Branch – The Executive Branch (the Governor and other statewide officials) is run by members of the same Party as the Majority Party of the Chamber, a committee becomes the target of the Governor’s power and, in the Governor’s power are unchallenged or at least questioned.

Here are a few more examples of the operation of the “Power of the Gavel” in Kentucky:

1. The Majority Party of the Kentucky State Senate is Republican. Because of that, no major “pro-life” legislation has passed in the Senate since 1985, except the pseudo-funding bill for state employees.

2. Similarly, the Majority Party of the Kentucky State House is Democratic. And, as a result, no new “pro-life” bills have been heard on the House floor for over 10 years. That includes bills sponsored by Democrats as well as Republicans.

3. Clearly, then, the Republican Party is not a strong union Party. And, the Democratic Party has its in the Party (the “pro-life” plank). Because of the “Power of the Gavel,” showing a “pro-life” candidate in the Republican Party will likely get you where you want to be. And, showing a “pro-life” candidate in the Democratic Party will likely prevent you pro-life legislation.

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Because the home received most of its money from the government, said ordinance supporters, the city’s failure to act on its ordnance was a violation of its First Amendment rights, not discrimination. It does not say anything

But, too often citizens examine only the candidate and vote for him/her. Then, after the measure was approved on June 9, the debate continued, partly because, in the last month, the city commission voted to exempt Suncoast from the restrictions. The change had supported one of its opponents, who had tried to stop the ordinance from being passed.

In late summer of last year when a small group of residents pushed the city council to consider a gay rights ordinance, the ordinance would eventually pass, but at what cost to our citizens?

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In recent years “The War On Women” has been a popular rallying cry — regurgitated so often it has gained credibility. Certainly, women must be protected from this evil influence. However, many may not be stepping up to say, “Who and what is really under attack?”

The War on Women battle cry was heard when two businesses owned by Christian families were refueled by huge legal battles because of their sincere conviction. It was heard when Little Sisters of The Poor, a group of Catholic nuns, appealed the rule from a government contractor that forced them out of the long-readying business they had loved.

What has escaped those who claim these decisions are harmful to women is that many of the women who own and run these businesses, were women in their ownership or leadership. Dan and Cathy Green and the Hahn Family would have lost their businesses because of their convictions. Do I ever need to explain Little Sisters of the Poor?

According to the Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy, in 2012, 28 percent of the nation’s small businesses were female-owned. Women who own small businesses because of their conscience are being driven out of the marketplace. How can this be fair?

The real war is FOR women who desire to build strong families with both mother and father. The real war is FOR women who want to be masters of their lives and not servants. The real war is FOR women who desire to nurture the next generation without being forced to choose between preserving their personal values and providing for their children as they think best. The real war is FOR women who desire a culture of life that truly values and protects the lives of both mothers and children and the unborn are respected, not criminalized, sanitized, sterilized or designated.

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Hope rises in federal marriage court battle

Kentucky and its sister states in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals may play a key role in the national battle to protect marriage.

The GENCON movie project

“It’s hopeless! I give up!” “This country is doomed!” “I’m glad I’ll be gone before all this hits the fan.” These verbal exercises in pessimism are quite common among the many concerned citizens of this nation. Rarely a day goes by where Americans do not worry about the moral decline of this country. It is easy to lament that it is all over and that there is nothing we can do to fix it.

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During the arguments, it seemed clear that Judge Martha Daughtrey was inclined to rule on marriage with more anticipated soon. The other two appeals courts both decided in favor of same-sex marriage. Most court-watchers anticipate a decision by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals three-judge panel, along with the attorneys for the various Ohio and Michigan cases, to at least continue fiscal-year-old constitutional amendments currently. Though points were scored by both sides of the argument, observers continue to believe, as opposed great to the appointment, that the decision will come down to a 2-1 decision with Judge Deborah Cook being the deciding factor. In fact, the majorities of those women would also have been pro-life. Who is protecting women like Barabara Stratton of Washington or Elaine Huguenin of New Mexico? These are business owners who, because of their sincerely held religious beliefs, declined to participate in a same-sex marriage ceremony. As a result, they have been heavily fined and may lose these businesses along with personal assets. This is under the guise of "fairness laws." Ask them if they are being treated fairly.

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Our enemies have not been able to keep the facts from us.

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“Laws of Nature and Nature’s God” and “they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights; that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; . . .”

— Declaration of Independence

In 1972, the U.S. Supreme Court, in another highly publicized decision, struck down the abortion law of all 50 states. In that precedent-setting and precedent-setting for judicial enforcement agency.

The question I raised at the outset shouldn’t be: “Should we each register to vote?” Rather it should be: “Should we each register others to vote?”

Steve Robertson, current chairman of the Kentucky Democratic Party, says, “The answer to both, of course, is a resounding YES.”

According to the Secretary of State, new voter registrations in the Commonwealth since the 2012 elections totaled 51,193. The Family Foundation staff would like to think our efforts helped generate that number. Unfortunately, we have no way of knowing exactly WHO can take credit. But, we can report that in the last year we launched two voter registration drives: one last Fall with Registration Kits mailed to over 6,500 churches and volunteers and another this Spring to over 7,000 churches.

Would YOU like to help secure more? For a free “Registration Kit,” call 859-255-5400.
With the current state of our nation, what can I do? (Far more than you realize!)

An encouragement from Director Kent Ostrander

It is important to begin with the fact that God has given us a choice of influence. It is not the whole world. It is not the entire United States. It is not even all of the state of Kentucky. But you do have a sphere that you influence. Now imagine that each citizen we facilitate with his or her sphere—the state, the nation, and the world would be viewed. You and I cannot make everyone else be faithful to you and I can be. It begins with me and you. And The Family Foundation is going to do its part in Kentucky so that it can offer the leadership that the nation and the world needs. Here are some ideas that EASY can easily do:

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• We can send you our daily (Monday through Friday) “Far Us Pray” prayer message that takes you 1 minute to read and pray and that connects you with the state’s largest daily prayer group. (If God doesn’t answer prayer, it’s up to your pray. BUT, if God does answer prayer, it’s up to us to pray.)
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• And in January, when the 2013 General Assembly begins, you will receive weekly updates on what is happening in the Session. We will share with you how your phone calls to simply leave a message on the message line can make a difference — the cost is too great if we fail. And we will fail if we do not try!

I can promise you this: If you put your shoulder to the wheel that I am describing, we will not fail.

Pray with faith...

No, I already mentioned our Let Us Pray efforts that help citizens know how to pray regarding the issues of the day in Commonwealth. But we need even deeper faith and action than that. Consider Joseph — who stepped forward at risk of life to counsel Ahasuerus, and saved her people. Clearly, here is what we can do:

DON’T just read this. Let’s ACT!

Send me an email: kent@kentuckyfamily.org

Don’t just read this. Let’s ACT! Give me a phone call: (859)-255-5400

We have no choice but at least TRY to make a difference — the cost is too great if we fail. And we will fail if we do not try!

More than you realize!

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October registration trend reshaping Kentucky

The Kentucky Secretary of State revealed on May 1 the most recent totals of voter registrations since November 2012. While the numbers show that the Democratic Party still has the majority of registered voters, the Republican Party and those who self-identify as “Other” are closing the gap.

The records show that prior to the Spring Primary, Kentucky had 1,988,183 new Republican registrants, 379,619 new voters registered as “Other,” and only 631,111 new Democrat registrants.

Still, the Democrat Party controls the largest number of potential voters with 1,972,266, the Republican Party has 1,196,183 and those listed as “Other” have 236,499. But the trend on new voters continues to lean toward the Republican Party as it has for over 15 years.

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• In the other federally elected offices, Kentuckians have sent both of their U.S. Senators and five of their six U.S. Congressmen as Republicans.
• As recently as 1985, both U.S. Senators from Kentucky were Democrats – Senators Wendell H. Ford and Walter D. Huddleston. And not incidently in 1978, five of the seven U.S. Congressmen were Democrats. But it is a different story on state-level offices, where Democrats have continued to hold dominance.

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